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CONSTITUTION OF NORTH-CAROLINA, &c.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS—CONSTITUTION OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

AT A CONGRESS of the Representatives of the Freemen of the STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, assembled at Halifax, the seventeenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, for the purpose of establishing a CONSTITUTION, OR FORM OF GOVERNMENT, for the State :

A DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

Made by the Representatives of the Freemen of the State of North-Carolina.

Section 1. That all political power is vested in and derived from the people only.

Sec. 2. That the people of this State ought to have the sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal government and police thereof.

Sec. 3. That no man or set of men are entitled to exclusive or separate emoluments or privileges from the community, but in consideration of public services.

Sec. 4. That the Legislative, Executive, and Supreme Judicial powers of Government, ought to be forever separate and distinct from each other.

Sec. 5. That all power of suspending laws, or the execution